Allowing delegates of international human rights in India

1419. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a manifestation of its transparency and commitment to human rights, whether India allows delegates of international human rights activist NGOs to visit detention centres/prisons under the ICRC Charter;

(b) if so, the number of such observers allowed to visit India on fact finding missions; and

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission constantly interacts with its counter part in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and Government of India, the delegates of ICRC are permitted to visit detention centres. However, the delegates of International Human Rights activist NGOs are not permitted to visit detention centres/prisons.

(c) Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission interacts with its counter part in other countries.

Security measures for vital installation in India

1420. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security audits of sensitive airports/vital installations in India are conducted frequently;

(b) whether post-9/11, additional security measures have been clamped around refineries, power utilities and airports in sensitive border areas and if so, a summary thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to engage specialised forces in such areas and whether the Central Industrial Security Force has been provided additional training and orientation in specialised areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.The security audit of sensitive airports and vital installations are conducted by the concerned security agencies.

(b) In the wake of September, 11, 2001, terrorist attack in USA, the State Govemments/UT Administrations and security agencies were asked to strengthen security around vital installations located in different parts of the country including along the land and sea borders.

(c) Yes, Sir. The security to sensitive vital installations and airports is being provided by a specialised force in phased manner. Central Industrial Security Force is being provided adequate training and orientation for this purpose.

Killing of policemen and their family members in J&K

1421. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the resentment brewing in rank and file of police in Jammu and Kashmir due to apathy towards them despite recent spate in killing of policemen *nd their family members;

(b) if so, the reasons for disbanding of the special operations group (SOG) in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to protect the family members of policemen in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As informed by the State Government police despite of killing of their fellow colleagues and persistent threats the J&K Police have been relentlessly on the forefront of the efforts to combat terrorism so as to usher in peace and tranquility in the trouble torn State, daring all impediments. Jawans of police have been making supreme sacrifice all along with other security forces and continue to work for the security of the State. In spite of the sacrifice being laid down by personnel of J&K Police, their morale is very high. The efforts of J&K Police have been appreciated in the form of recent decision to award the Presidents colours to the J&K Police.

(b) State Government has further informed that assimilation/re-location of personnel of SOG within the regular establishment of police force is a